

**WILLIAMSBURG PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES
Wednesday, April 16, 2003**

The regular monthly meeting of the Williamsburg Planning Commission was held on Wednesday, April 16, 2003, at 3:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Stryker Building.

CALL TO ORDER and ATTENDANCE

Chairman Freiling called the meeting to order. Present in addition to Mr. Freiling were Commissioners Hertzler, Friend, Smith, McBeth, and Pons. Commissioner Young was absent. Also present were Planning Director Nester, Zoning Administrator Murphy and Secretary Scott. City Attorney Phillips was absent.

MINUTES

Mr. Friend moved that the minutes of the February 19 regular meeting be approved. Mr. Pons seconded the motion which carried by roll call vote of 6-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

There were no cases on the consent agenda this month.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

OPEN FORUM

Chairman Freiling opened the Open Forum portion of the meeting encouraging comments from the audience on any topic.

There being no comment the Open Forum portion of the meeting was closed.

SITE PLANS AND SUBDIVISIONS - None

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Sharpe Community Partnership Program – Off-Campus Housing Web Site

Mr. Nester stated that this concludes the second year staff in the Planning Department has participated with the Sharpe Community Partnership Program at the College of William and Mary. He said it has been a pleasure working with the students on this year's project, development of an off-campus housing web site. Mr. Nester added that according to the College, "The Sharpe Community Partnership is a residential program that extends William and Mary's long-held tradition of public and community service. Nurturing both responsible citizenship and energetic involvement in the community is

part of the College's mission. In the spirit of our mission and traditions, students who participate will live in Sharpe residences, enroll in program-sponsored seminars, take part in public forums, and work on community projects – all as a way of encouraging first year students to explore issues in our national life and to become directly involved in these issues through public service.”

Mr. Nester introduced Frannie Ames, Senior and Sharpe Fellow who said one of the goals of the program is to strengthen ties between the College and the three jurisdictions, the City of Williamsburg, James City County, and York County.

Ms. Ames introduced members of the project team: Freshman students Wess Garner, Susanna Klosko, Joseph Locke, Diana Sherban, and Tim Slattery who gave a collaborative presentation of the web site they have developed. It was noted that the web site can be reached through the City's web site www.ci.williamsburg.va.us under “What's New”. The site has been open for about one month and will also be on William and Mary's page.

Commission members offered several suggestions to the students some of which were publicizing the site in the Flat Hat student newspaper and recommending to the college that actual sessions be offered to students giving them a personal contact.

Mr. Nester said that next year's group will pursue gathering feedback from the college students regarding development of the Comprehensive Plan. During their first semester they will work on developing a survey and the second semester will be actually conducting the survey.

OTHER - none

INFORMATION ITEMS

Report from City Council
Planning Department Monthly Report
Monthly Financial Statement

PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 14, 2003

PCR #03-07: Request of New Town United Methodist Church for a special use permit to locate a church at 309 Waltz Farm Drive, the present site of the Williamsburg Christian Academy. The property is zoned RS-2 Single Family Dwelling District, and is identified as Williamsburg Tax Map No. 281-(03)-00-A.

PCR #03-08: Request of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation to amend Chapter 21, Zoning, Sec. 21-432(7), Permitted uses in the Museum Support District MS, by adding “interpretative areas for educational programs and historical presentations.” It is proposed to establish an interpretative area

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named "Great Hopes Plantation" south and west of the pedestrian walkway just beyond the new pedestrian bridge over Visitor Center Drive. (The site plan for this proposal, SPR #03-06, will be reviewed at the same meeting.)

The meeting adjourned at 3:55.

Paul Freiling, Chairman
Williamsburg Planning Commission